Advanced Pumping Strategies That Work

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What We’ll Cover

- APP Study Results
- Importance of the TDD
- Handling Insulin Stacking
- Infusion Set Issues
- How To Stop Spikes
- CGMs for Better Control
Terms

- **TDD** – total daily dose (all basals and boluses) of insulin
- **Basal** – background insulin released slowly through the day
- **Bolus** – a quick release of insulin
  - Carb bolus – covers carbs
  - Correction bolus – lowers high readings
- **Bolus Calculator (BC)** – what calculates bolus recommendations
- **Correction Target** – What BC aims for when high
- **Bolus On Board (BOB)** – bolus insulin still active from recent boluses, active insulin, insulin on board
- **Duration of Insulin Action (DIA)** – how long a bolus will lower the BG – used to measure BOB
**Age-Appropriate BG Goals**

**ADA Age-Appropriate A1c And Meter Goals**

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Most adults aim for meter avg. of 154 mg/dl or less

*With only premeal BGs, meter average would be lower than these values.*
Actual Pump Practices (APP) Study

- Data from 1040 complaint-free Deltec Cozmo insulin pumps downloaded in 2007

- 396 had BG values directly entered from attached CozMonitor Freestyle meter
  - Divided into thirds by average glucose

- Basal % and CarbF and CorrF formulas derived from the third that had the best control
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APP Study –
Insulin Doses Used By Successful Pumpers

2. Optimal Insulin Use
Mean Values For Optimal Doses In Best Control Tertile

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CorrF Rule Number* = 1960 mg/dl per unit (IQR = 1413 to 2151)

* CorrF Rule Number = Avg CorrF x Avg TDD
Carb factor settings in pumps were not evenly distributed.

“Magic” numbers – 5, 10, 15, and 20 g/unit – were preferred.

Use formulas to calculate basal/bolus settings → much better than WAG!

APP Study – CarbFs Actually Used

Actual Carb Factors Used – Low Mean BG

Carb Factors actually used in best control tertile –
avg carbs/avg carb bolus per day

Actual CarbFs improve from pump CarbF settings

85% of improvement comes when Cozmo BC reduces carb doses for BOB and hypoglycemia

J. Walsh, D. Wroblewski, and TS Bailey: Insulin Pump Settings – A Major Source For Insulin Dose Errors, Diabetes Technology Meeting 2007
APP Study Revelations

- Don’t use “magic” numbers – base starting settings on formulas
- Carb counts, number of carb boluses/day, number of BG tests/day, on average, have no or minimal impact on average glucose
- TDD and pump settings have greatest impact on avg. BG
- Most pumpers need a higher TDD
To Set Up Your Pump BC Correctly

Your doctor will determine:

- An accurate TDD (MAJOR factor)
- Accurate basals (~50% of TDD)
- An accurate CarbF
- An accurate CorrF
- An accurate DIA (from research studies)
Dosing For Success

1. Stop lows first

2. Find your iTDD – for normal, stable BGs

3. Set & test basals – keeps overnight readings level

4. Set & test CarbF – fine-tune premeal BGs

5. Lower post meal BGs – bolus early, low GI foods, Symlin, etc.

6. Set & test CorrF – to bring highs down safely

Enjoy good control or return to #1

Brittle diabetes or frequent highs = wrong settings (usually)
Find An iTDD* To Correct Glucose Problems

* improved Total Daily Dose of insulin
Your TDD

- Controls the average glucose
  - 1% rise in TDD = 4 mg/dl drop in avg. glucose

- Makes it easy to find accurate basal rates, CarbF, and CorrF

- The correct TDD and pump settings lead to lower and more stable BGs

Use pattern management to fine tune doses & settings
Pump Setting Formulas

\[ \text{Basal} = \sim 48\% \text{ of TDD} \]

\[ \text{CarbF} = 2.6 \times \frac{\text{Wt(lbs)}}{\text{TDD}} \]

Carb factor is directly related to insulin sensitivity = an average CarbF times an individual’s own insulin sensitivity

\[ \text{Corr. Factor} = \frac{1960}{\text{TDD}} \]

Correction factor is inversely related to TDD and also inversely related to avg. BG

Find Your TDD

TDD = 35.19 u

Low basal at 36%

2 gr of carb/day means Bolus Wizard is not used

Use a 10 to 30 day average to analyze
### Check Current Pump Settings

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\(^1\) Basal = TDD \times 0.48  \quad \(^2\) Correction Factor = 1960/TDD  \quad \(^3\) Carb Factor = 10.8 \times \text{relative insulin sensitivity} = (2.6 \times \text{Wt (lb)})/\text{TDD}

For exact calculations, use the Pump Setting Tool at opensourcemediabetes.org

*J Walsh and R Roberts: Pumping Insulin (5th ed), 2011*
Find Your iTDD

If current BGs are not great:

1. Lower your current TDD by about 5% for:
   - Frequent lows
   - Or highs AND lows IF lows come first

2. Raise the TDD, using the iTDD Table on next slide to adjust for high A1c or high meter average
   - Increase TDD by 1% for each 4 mg/dl drop desired in avg BG

3. This is your improved TDD (iTDD)

Keep basal and carb bolus totals balanced

Avg BG on pumps is 183.9 mg/dl (10.2 mmol) – most need larger TDD.
The iTDD Table For High Avg. BGs

10.6 Find Your True TDD

This table helps you find a more accurate TDD when your readings are often above 140 mg/dl (mmol) AND you are not having frequent or severe lows.

Simply find a current 14 day average TDD from your pump on the left and an average glucose from your meter (or a recent A1c) on the bottom. When they intersect provides a better estimate for your TDD.

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\(^1\) Basal = TDD \times 0.48  \quad  \(^2\) Correction Factor = 1960/TDD  \quad  \(^3\) Carb Factor = 10.8 \times \text{relative insulin sensitivity} = (2.6 \times \text{Wt (lb)})/\text{TDD}

For exact calculations, use the Pump Setting Tool at opensourcediabetes.org

*J Walsh and R Roberts: Pumping Insulin (5th ed), 2011*
Change The TDD For

- Frequent lows or frequent highs
- Going on or off a diet
- Loss or gain of weight
- Seasonal changes
- Change in activity or sports
- Vacation
- Growth spurts
- Puberty and menses

*Do not wait until your next clinic visit!*
Frequent Lows = Excess TDD

Excess TDD – ~2 Lows to Highs/day

70 mg/dl (3.9 mmol)
Frequent Lows

Lower the TDD and derive new basal rates, CarbF and CorrF from it.
Frequent Highs = A Low TDD
TDD Before & After Adjustment

Start TDD = 36 u

1. Raised basal by 0.05 u/hr all day (+1.2 u/day)
2. Lowered carb factor from 1u/13g to 1u/12g (+1.8 u/day)

End TDD = 39 u
Highs And Lows – With A Pattern

5 day average:
Avg BG: 203.4 (11.3)
Range: 39 to 401 (2.2 to 22.3)
SD: 89.9
Insulin Stacking

- Happens anytime two or more boluses overlap
- Measured in pump as bolus on board (BOB, IOB, active insulin)
- Used in new bolus calculation once a BG value is entered
- Impact of a bolus can’t be measured accurately against BG value until 90 to 120 minutes after it was given
- The safest way to minimize insulin stacking is to subtract BOB from correction bolus first, then from a carb bolus if there is BOB remaining
Rapid insulin lowers the glucose for 4.5 to 6.5 hrs. This is physiologic – it DOES NOT CHANGE in the body when you change the DIA setting in your pump!
BOB For Different DIAs In Pump

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A short DIA causes hidden insulin stacking!
Insulin Stacking Is Common

Of 201,538 boluses, 64.8% were given within 4.5 hours of a previous bolus.

Bed time to breakfast

Disparate Bolus on Board Recommendations in Insulin Pump Therapy by J Walsh, D Wroblewski, T Bailey. Poster 2007 AACE Meeting
Insulin Stacking

Bedtime BG = 173 mg/dl – is there an insulin or a carb deficit?

Dinner
Correction
Snack

Bedtime BG = 173

Glucose lowering action

6 pm 8 pm 10 pm 12 am
What Would You Do?

Your child has a bedtime glucose of 121 and wants a 50 gram snack, but she has 5 units of BOB.

CarbF = 10 g/u, CorrF = 50 mg/dl, Target = 120 mg/dl

Would you:

A. Cover her bedtime carbs with a full bolus?
B. Cover part of these carbs?
C. Let her eat these carb without a carb bolus?
No Two Pump BCs Give Same Bolus Recommendations

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Pumper wants to eat 50 gram dessert 4 nights in a row 2 hrs after dinner when she has 5 u of BOB left from carb boluses. Her BG at this time is shown with the bolus recommendations given by different pumps.

First 2 nights she played tennis after dinner, not on 3rd, stress on 4th.
Use Bolus Overrides When Needed

- Your pump doesn’t know everything – change bolus recommendations when the situation demands

- Dr. Irl Hirsch suggests that about 25% of all bolus recommendations will be changed when the user knows what they’re doing

- A CGM’s trend arrows really helps decide
Calculate A Bolus Yourself

1. Add Carb and Correction Boluses together
2. Subtract BOB
3. Get an accurate bolus!

Examples:

1. Carb bolus = 3 u, corr bolus = 1 u, BOB = 4 u
   \[3 + 1 = 4\quad 4 - 4 = 0\text{ u}\quad \text{No bolus needed}\]

2. Carb bolus = 2 u, corr bolus = 1 u, BOB = 4 u
   \[2 + 1 = 3\quad 3 - 4 = -1\text{ u}\quad \text{More carbs are needed}\]
Use A Single Correction Target

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<th>Where In Correction Target Range Does The Pump Aim?</th>
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Best to use a narrow correction target range, such as 100 to 120 mg/dl or a single correction target, such as 110 mg/dl.

* BGs inside correction target range ARE NOT CORRECTED.*

* For range 70 to 180, BGs of 71 or 179 are not adjusted for.
Calculate Carbs Needed For Low

1. Give 10 grams (child) to 15 grams (adolescent or adult) for low.

2. And add $BOB \times CarbF$ (to offset $BOB$).

3. To get carbs needed! (+ a FEW extra for safety).

**Example:** 6 yo with low BG, $BOB = 1.6$ u, $CarbF = 10$ g, no extra activity:

$$10 \text{ g} + (1.6 \times 10) = 10 + 16 = 26 \text{ grams for low}$$

*Stops most lows to highs!*
Have Infusion Set Problems?

- Do sites often “go bad”?
- Having two or more “unexplained” highs in a row?
- Do highs correct only after you change the infusion set?
- Happen more than once a year?

Yes?

- Anchor the infusion line with tape
- Review site prep technique
- Switch to a different brand of infusion set
Infusion Set/Patch Pump Can Go Bad

- Leaking from site (or hub)
- Not taping down the infusion line (tugging)
- Auto-inserters \(\rightarrow\) bent or kinked Teflon
- Detachment
- Bleeding (hematoma)
- Clogging, blockage, occlusion

- High readings seen for several hours before occlusion alarm occurs
## APP – Occlusions Worsen Control

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Infusion Set Failure On CGM

DIA = 5 hrs or more

Alert for rising BG. Took 1st “bolus”

2nd rising BG, BG test. Found set detached Took “2nd” corr. bolus
Occlusions / Blockages

Should not happen!

More than once a month?

- Change infusion set type
- Or brand of insulin (rare)
CGMs For Better Control
One Pollack painting sold for $140 million in 1996!
Make Your Own Jackson Pollack

Only $1,000!
Revel® CGM Screens

On-Screen Reports

- 3 / 6 / 12 / 24-hr graphs
- Can scroll back for specific data points
- ↑↓ “direction” indicators
- Updates every 5 minutes
- Hi/Low Alerts
- Predictive Alerts
CareLink Online Reports

Sensor daily overlay

Sensor results by meal
Daily summaries & layered reports

Sensor tracing

Basals & boluses

Carbs, exercise, etc
DexCom™ Seven Plus®

On-Screen Reports

- 1, 3, 6, 12, 24-hr graphs
- Updates every 5 minutes
- Hi/Low alerts
- Rate of Change alerts
DexCom™ 7 STS®

Dexcom DM2 Download Reports

Hourly Stats

Glucose Trend
DexCom™ 7 STS®

BG Distribution

Trend Analysis
Alert Options

- Choose vibrate and/or beep
- Set high and low glucose threshold
- Set predictive alerts that you are likely to cross a high or low threshold (accurate up to ~20 min)
- Set rapid rise or fall – 1 to 3 mg/dl/min
- Balance your needs against “nuisance factor” – Lack of sleep may raise your glucose!
Where To Set CGM Alerts

LOW: 80 mg/dl
Less than 80 – only for pregnancy
Higher for young children, high risk jobs

HIGH: 240 mg/dL to start
Gradually lower to 180 or less
The lower the high alert is, the earlier you get warned of rising BG

Trends And Predictions

- Both help minimize highs and lows
- Good for:
  - Driving
  - Sports
  - Basal tests
  - Reducing uncertainty
  - Overriding bolus recommendations

Many thanks to Gary Scheiner, MS, CDE for help generating next 2 slides.
Can CGM Replace Fingersticks?

- Not right away – wait at least 12 hrs after new sensor is started
- Trust CGM only if it agrees with recent fingersticks
- Only if ongoing fingersticks are done to ensure accuracy
Hypoglycemia Alerts

Predictive hypo alert or hypo alert & stabilizing: **less treatment**
- Less than usual carbs?
- Medium G.I. food

Hypo alert & dropping: **aggressive treatment**
- Full or increased carbs
- High G.I. food

Check BOB for exact guidance!
2, 3, & 6 Hr Trend Lines Show

- How different foods impact BG
- How boluses work
- After meal spiking
- Effects of exercise
- Impact of stress
- Nighttime lows
Analyze Last Bolus On CGM

If BG 4-5 hrs later is:

- Too High
- In Target
- Too Low

Insulin/Carbs in last 5 hrs:

- Bolus too low
- Bolus in balance
- Bolus too low

Carbs + BG

High, low, or normal
6, 12, & 24 Hr Trend Lines Show

- How to adjust basals
- Longer term impacts of exercise, stress, high-fat or protein foods
- Reveals overnight glucose patterns
CGM As Behavior Mod Tool: First Two Days On CGM

Chef with Type 1 Diabetes for 13 years on insulin pump
Chef’s CGM Next Two Days

A chef can eat when he wants to control his CGM readings!
CGM Tips

- Wear CGM at least 90% of the time
- Look at the monitor 10-20 times per day
- Don’t go from BG to BG – Look for the big picture!
- Don’t over-react to data – Avoid frequent between meal corrections until pattern is clear
- Take BOB into account
- Calibrate!
- Minimize “nuisance” alarms
More CGM Tips

- Be patient and have realistic expectations
- Don’t panic if the meter and sensor numbers differ
- Look at trends not just individual values
- Rapid rises usually means more insulin needed, BUT check BOB first!
- Expect lag time, especially when BG is turning from down to up or from up to down
- No Tylenol with Dexcom
Reading – Still The Best Way To Learn

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Books at www.diabetesnet.com/dmall/ or 800-988-4772